| Sl. No. | Circle/State | Tele-density |
|---|---|---|
| 20. | Tamil Nadu (-) Chennai | 11.21 |
| 21. | Uttaranchal | 5.74 |
| 22. | Uttar Pradesh | 4.06 |
| 23. | West Bengal (-) Kolkata | 2.98 |
| 24. | Kolkata | 24.22 |
| 25. | Chennai | 47.56 |
| 26. | Delhi | 50.94 |
| 27. | Mumbai | 45.43 |
| | ALL INDIA | 8.95 |

**Local dialing facility in U.P. and Uttaranchal**

†2558. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the local facility of calling from landline to mobile and from mobile to mobile has been provided to consumers in Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal by BSNL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the consumers of Ghaziabad and Noida coming under N.C.R. have been deprived of this facility;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government would provide the said facility to the districts of N.C.R. also ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) For the purpose of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) License, erstwhile State of Uttar Pradesh except Ghaziabad and Noida is divided into two service areas namely, Uttar Pradesh (East) and Uttar Pradesh (West). Uttar Pradesh (West) service area includes the State of Uttaranchal also.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

In May, 2005 Government has decided that the calls between Uttar Pradesh (East) and Uttar Pradesh (West) service areas would be treated as intra-service area calls and permitted dialing of mobile to mobile and landline to mobile calls between Uttar Pradesh (East) and Uttar Pradesh (West) without prefixing 'O'. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has also implemented the said dialing facility.

(c) and (d) Ghaziabad and Noida Telephone Systems being part of National Capital Region (NCR) are included in the Delhi Metro Service area for the purpose of CMTS License. The same concept of service area is also applicable for Unified Access Services (UAS) License.

Since, subscribers of CMTS/UAS located in Ghaziabad and Noida are part of Delhi Metro Service Area, they have the same dialing facility as that of any other subscriber of Delhi Metro service area.

(e) Yes, Sir. However, no time frame has been fixed.

**Collapse of telephone Exchange Building in Bihar**

2559. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a tower which had fallen some months back on the Telephone Exchange building at Supaul, Bihar has still not been removed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether non-removal of the tower may lead to collapse of the exchange building ;during heavy rains causing extensive damage to life and Government property;

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take against officers reponsible and by when; and

(e) what steps Government would take to ensure that the tower is removed at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The work of removal of material of fallen tower is in progress.